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## *Senate*

### THE NOMINATION OF DAVID WILLIAM THOMAS TO BE US MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise to enthusiastically support the nomination of David William Thomas to be the next United States Marshal for the District of Delaware.

It has been my pleasure to know Sgt. Thomas for many years. He is a good and decent person, a devoted and committed husband and father, a fine police officer, a volunteer fire fighter and an all around "great guy." I believe he will serve both Delaware and the United States very, very well.

"Tito," as many call him, has been a police officer for more than 20 years. He began his career as a patrol officer with the University of Delaware Police where he quickly developed a reputation for firmness in his enforcement of the law and university policy as well as for sensitivity to the particular needs and concerns of the student body. After three years, Sgt. Thomas moved to the Delaware State Police where he served in several different capacities ranging from Patrol Trooper, where the rubber literally hits the road, to public information officer, interacting with the public and the media.

During his tenure with the State Police, "Tito" Thomas worked directly for two governors of Delaware. During the second term of former Governor Mike Castle who is now Delaware's congressman, Sgt. Thomas provided security as a member of the

Executive Protection Unit. During my own second term as Governor, "Tito" served as Legislative Liaison for my Department of Public Safety, promoting public safety legislation in our state general assembly.

In addition to his employment as a police officer, Sgt. Thomas has served his community as a volunteer in other capacities. Notably, he is a member of the Aetna Hose Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Company in Newark, Delaware and a volunteer CPR Instructor with the American Heart Association.

David Thomas' extensive and varied background in law enforcement, his demonstrated sense of commitment to his community, his devotion to his growing family and his exemplary moral character all serve to qualify him well to be United States Marshall for the District of Delaware.